

2015 DNR VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANTS AWARDED TO RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

AMES: **11/24/15**– The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Bureau, in cooperation with US Forest Service - State and Private Forestry, has awarded \$173,035 in 50% cost-share grants to 74 of Iowa's rural fire departments to aid their efforts in protecting Iowan's and their property from wildfires. The grants offer valuable funding assistance for wildfire suppression equipment, personal protective equipment and communications equipment. Gail Kantak, Fire Supervisor with the DNR's Forestry Bureau, said the following fire departments should have received notification that their 2015 VFA Grant requests have been approved:

Alden Fire Dept	Frederika Fire Dept	Parkersburg Fire Dept
Allerton Fire Dept	Garnavillo Fire Dept	Pisgah Fire Dept
Anamosa Fire Dept	Grandview Fire Dept	Pleasantville Emergency Services
Andrew Fire Dept	Harlan Fire Dept	Postville Fire Dept
Aurelia Fire Dept	Harpers Ferry Fire Dept	Quimby Fire Dept
Battle Creek Fire Dept	Ionia Fire Dept	Riverton Fire Dept
Baxter Fire Dept	Irwin Fire Dept	Saint Olaf Fire Dept
Blencoe Fire Dept	Kellogg Fire Dept	Searsboro Fire Dept
Camanche Fire Dept	Knoxville Twsp Fire Dept	Sidney Fire Dept
Centerville Fire Dept	La Motte Fire Dept	Stanton Fire Dept
Centralia/Peosta Vol Fire Dept	Lohrville Fire Dept	Stuart Fire Dept
Chariton Fire Dept	Lost Nation Fire Dept	Sumner Fire Dept
Cincinnati Fire Dept	Malcom Fire Dept	Tama Fire Dept
Cresco Community Fire Dept	Manly Fire Dept	Toledo Fire Dept
Creston Fire Dept	Melbourne Fire Dept	Tripoli Fire Dept
Decorah Fire Dept	Menlo Fire Dept	Ute Fire Dept
Denver Fire Dept	Moorhead Fire Dept	Van Horne Fire Dept
Dow City Fire Dept	Moulton Fire Dept	Wapello Fire Dept
Elberon Fire Dept	Nashua Fire Dept	Waukon Fire Dept
Eldora Fire Dept	New Virginia - Virginia Twsp Fire & Rescue	West Union Community Fire Service, Inc.
Elk Horn Fire Dept	North English Benefited Fire Dist	Westgate Fire Dept - Fremont Twsp Fire Assoc
Elkader Fire Dept	Onawa Fire Dept	Wilton Fire Dept
Floyd Community Vol Fire Dept	Orange City Fire Dept	Wyoming Fire Dept
Frankville Fire Dept	Oxford Fire Dept	

Ms Kantak reminds all fire departments of the importance of submitting Wildland Fire Reports whenever they respond to a wildland fire or provide assistance to a prescribed or controlled wildland fire. Wildland Fire reporting forms are available at www.iowadnr.gov/fire. Departments actively returning these reports receive priority points when the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant applications are scored. These wildland fire reports are compiled locally and nationally and are reported to Congress.

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